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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I OPPOSE the USTelecom petition that will disable broadband competition. The FCC must not hobble competitive smaller businesses in favor of the big-boy telecommunication companies. The big boys only want to stack the deck in their own favor.

I was a decades-long DSL and telephone customer of AT&T, but I became increasingly unhappy with their service and increasing rates, in addition to AT&T's opposition to net neutrality and support for NSA surveillance of all customer communications.

I finally dumped AT&T entirely a few months ago for a smaller competitor in northern California (Sonic). I am so glad I did!!! I could not be happier with having faster, better internet/phone service with more features, and at a much better price! I will NEVER go back to AT&T, and I will continue to NEVER consider cable.

I additionally have some years of recent experience with AT&T internet and telephone service in a rural area. AT&T refused to increase its DSL speed to me there later, even though faster speed had been available previously. I was told I had to wait for fiber lines---which still had not been strung several years later, and I doubt ever will be strung. So much for AT&T's caring about serving a rural area!

Please save broadband competition!

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